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CAMERON (DETAILS)

(LONDON) -- THE TOP MILITARY MAN IN BRITAIN FIGURES THE SOVIET UNION HAS TO BE WORRIED ABOUT MUSLEM FANATICISM SPREADING TO THE MUSLEM AREAS OF THE U-S-S-R.

THE VIEW IS THAT OF SIR NEIL CAMERON, AIR MARSHAL AND CHIEF OF BRITAIN'S DEFENSE STAFF.

HE SAYS THE SOVIETS MAY HAVE FOUND THE MUSLEM PRIESTS IN IRAN AND OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES TO BE, IN HIS WORDS, "CONVENIENT BEDFELLOWS." BUT, HE ADDS, THEY MAY HAVE UNDER-ESTIMATED THE POWER OF ISLAM "ONCE THE HONEYMOON IS OVER."

ON ANOTHER MATTER, HE SINGLED OUT THE PERSIAN GULF -- WHICH PRODUCES MOST OF THE WEST'S OIL IMPORTS -- AS A KEY ZONE IN SOVIET FOREIGN-POLICY STRATEGY. CAMERON PREDICTS WHEN THE SOVIETS NO LONGER ARE SELF-SUFFICIENT IN OIL PRODUCTION, COMPETITION FOR CONTROL OF OIL-PRODUCING ZONES WILL BE FIERCE.

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